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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Sumner Pike, Acting Chairman
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT : U.S.S.R. Estimate of U.S. Capabilities for Atomic
Warfare

1. At the request of Mr. Robert LeBaron, Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, this Agency prepared a paper on a possible "U.S.S.R. Estimate of U.S. Capabilities for Atomic Warfare". The preparation of a paper such as this is not primarily a function of this Agency, a fact recognized by Mr. LeBaron in his request. However, in view of the methodology involved, it is believed that such a paper would serve a useful purpose.

2. In connection with the paper enclosed, it is my general conclusion that the Soviets should be able to construct a fairly accurate picture of our atomic warfare capabilities. However, I do not feel that the conclusions presented by this paper constitute a valid reason for liberalizing our policies covering the release of information on our atomic capabilities.

3. Mr. LeBaron has indicated to me that General Loper of the Military Liaison Committee proposes to discuss this paper with certain members of the Commission in connection with security problems. I am, therefore, with Mr. LeBaron's knowledge, furnishing you a copy of the paper herewith. It is requested that you consider this paper as being on loan for the personal information of the Commissioners and that it be returned to the Central Intelligence Agency when it is no longer required.

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R. H. HILLENKOETTER
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